

# State of New Hampshire DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

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Mitza Family Trust Attn: James Mitza 89 Ashworth Avenue Hampton, NH 03842

Re: Old Fort Four Apartments Water System

Route 12

Charlestown, New Hampshire

EPA #0412010

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER No. WD 03-004

January 17, 2003

## A. INTRODUCTION

This Administrative Order is issued by the Department of Environmental Services, Water Division, to the Mitza Family Trust pursuant to RSA 485:4 and RSA 485:58. This Administrative Order is effective upon issuance.

#### **B. PARTIES**

- 1. The Department of Environmental Services, Water Division ("DES"), is a duly constituted administrative agency of the State of New Hampshire, having its principal office at 6 Hazen Drive, Concord, NH 03301.
- 2. The Mitza Family Trust is a trust with a mailing address of 89 Ashworth Avenue, Hampton, NH 03842.

## C. STATEMENTS OF FACTS AND LAW

- 1. RSA 485 authorizes DES to regulate public water supplies. RSA 485:43 authorizes DES to adopt drinking water rules which require community water systems to annually notify their customers of the results of water quality tests. Pursuant to this authority, DES has adopted NH Admin. Rule Env-Ws 352.
- 2. The Mitza Family Trust is the owner of a water system which serves approximately 23 residential units with an estimated population of 58 persons located on Route 12 in Charlestown, New Hampshire ("Water System").
- 3. RSA 485:1-a, I and Env-Ws 302.02(i) define a community water system as "a public water system which serves at least 15 service connections used by year-round residents or regularly serves at least 25 year-round residents."
- 4 The Water System meets the definition of a community water system.

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- 5. Env-Ws 352 requires all community water systems to prepare and deliver a Consumer Confidence Report ("CCR") to DES by July 1 of each year and to certify to DES by October of each year that the requirements specified in Env-Ws 352 were met.
- 6. The Water System failed to produce and deliver the CCR to DES by July 1, 2002.
- 7. On August 20, 2002, a Letter of Deficiency ("LOD") was issued to the Water System. The LOD requested the Water System:
  - 1. By September 13, 2002, prepare and deliver to the water system's customers and DES the 2002 CCR containing calendar year 2001 drinking water information; and
  - 2. By October 1, 2002, submit to DES the 2002 CCR certification.
- 8. The LOD was received by the Water System as evidenced by the signed postal receipt
- 9. To date, the Mitza Family Trust has not supplied the requested information and DES has no record of the requested response to the LOD.

#### D. DETERMINATION OF VIOLATIONS

- 1. The Water System has violated Env-Ws 352.03 by failing to prepare and deliver a 2002 CCR to DES by July 1, 2002.
- 2. The Water System has violated Env-Ws 352.03 by failing to certify the 2002 CCR to DES by October 1, 2002.

#### E. ORDER

Based on the above findings, DES hereby orders the Mitza Family Trust as follows:

- 1. Within 21 days of the date of this Order, prepare and deliver the 2002 CCR containing calendar year 2001 drinking water information to Water System customers and DES in accordance with Env-Ws 352.
- 2. Within 30 days of the date of this Order, submit to DES the 2002 CCR certification.
- 3. Send correspondence, data, reports, and other submissions made in connection with this Administrative Order, other than appeals, to DES as follows:

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#### F. APPEAL

Any person aggrieved by this Order may appeal the Order to the Water Council by filing an appeal that meets the requirements specified in Env-WC 200 within 30 days of the date of this Order. Copies of the rule are available from the DES Public Information Center at (603) 271-2975 or at <a href="http://www.des.state.nh.us/desadmin.htm">http://www.des.state.nh.us/desadmin.htm</a>. Appealing the Order does not automatically relieve the Mitza Family Trust of the obligation to comply with the Order.

### **G. OTHER PROVISIONS**

Please note that RSA 485:58 provides for administrative fines, civil penalties, and criminal penalties for the violations noted in this Order, as well as for failing to comply with the Order itself. The Mitza Family Trust remains obligated to comply with all applicable drinking water statutes and rules. DES will continue to monitor the Mitza Family Trust's compliance with applicable requirements and will take appropriate action if additional violations are discovered,

Harry 4-Stewart, P.E., Director

Water Division

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